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## Elba Board of Education votes to offer superintendent's job to Donny Powell

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday evening, Sept. 17, and voted to offer the job of superintendent schools to one of four finalists that were interviewed the day prior by the board members.

Board vice president Kristy Astemborski made a motion with a second from board member DeAnn Grantham to offer the job of superintendent of Elba City Schools to Donny Powell. This motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Once the board offers the job to Powell, contract negotiations will begin. If an acceptable negotiation of contract is reached by all parties, the board would then vote to approve a superintendent's contract with Powell, and he would officially be named superintendent at that time.

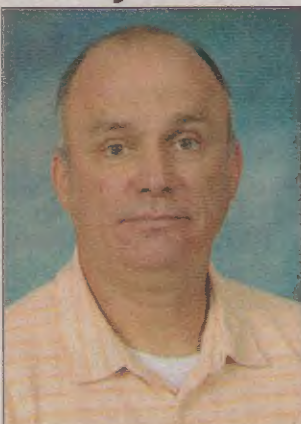
The proposed date to have the new superintendent in place is Nov. 1, 2024, pending contract negotiations.

The board thanked acting superintendent Ted Watson for all he has done over the past few months and will continue to do until a new superintendent is in place for Elba's school system. Watson said it has been fun for him, and he has enjoyed his time with Elba Schools.

During his interview Monday, Powell said his goal as superintendent, if selected, would be to grow Elba City Schools.

Powell said he is not for consolidating smaller schools into one larger one. He said the school system in a smaller community, like Elba, is the life of the community.

"You cannot separate the school and the city," Powell said. "Elba has a great com-



Donny Powell

munity with great pride and tradition."

As for superintendent and board relations, Powell said he understands that he would work for the board superintendent of schools. He said the board is in place to set policy, and he would be there to see it is done.

"You can't have success if the board and superintendent don't get along," Powell said. "You have to have trust. You have to be able to sit down and talk about things."

He also said the superintendent needs to have good community relationships.

"You superintendent needs to be in the community, making relationships within the community," he said. "It goes back to we are a family and must work together."

He said he feels the best way to build community faith is to let the people get to know him and for him to get to know the community.

"You [the superintendent] must conduct yourself in an honest, appropriate way at all times," Powell said. "You can't let yourself be seen in a negative way in the community. You must conduct yourself in a way that makes the community proud you are superintendent."

He further said, "I don't beat around the bush, but I am honest with people. People have to believe they can trust you."

Powell said he believes the pride within the school system is its greatest strength.

"I hope you will continue to fight for this system," he said. "I hope that never goes away. You are a family, and you care about this system. That is what excites me about this system. That family and pride you have makes you successful."

Currently, Powell is a science teacher at St. Paul's Episcopal School, a private school, in Mobile, Ala. He spent several years prior in the Covington County School system having served as a teacher, coach and principal at Floral High School. He also spent time as the federal programs, career tech programs, and personnel director for the Covington County School System.

"I lead by example," Powell said. "You have to let people see you doing what you are asking them to do. You can't micromanage, and you have to let your staff know you care about them."

He said in administration, it is important to take time to listen and work with people.

"I have a very good relationship with everyone I've worked with in the past," Powell said. "We may not always agree, but I am still open to listen to others."

If selected as superintendent, Powell said he would work with everyone to make Elba City Schools the best system in Alabama.

"I am not here looking for the next step," he said. "This is where I want to be and where I want to retire."

## Avery Padgett and Kasen Pemberton qualify for BASSMASTER National Collegiate Championship

Late September of 2023 the Troy University [TU] Bass Team was on Kentucky Lake for their first ACA Big Bass Tournament where most teams including Troy's Avery Padgett [of Elba, Alabama] and Kasen Pemberton [of Chipley, Florida] captured some valuable SOY (School of the Year) points.

At the end of this tournament, the TU Bass Team, for the first time since the 2015-2016 season, ranked in the top 25 in the Collegiate Bass School of the Year points.

For the second ACA Collegiate Bass Fishing Series event of the season, the TU team fished Lake Dardanelle, Arkansas, in mid-October. They experienced some good days while pre-fishing, but Lake Dardanelle did a number on them. From poor weather conditions to boat issues, they had a taste of it all.

Although it was a tough tournament, everyone stayed safe and team Padgett/Pemberton ended up in 62<sup>nd</sup> place out of 240 plus boats (the highest point TU team) and brought back some good SOY points.

In late May 2024, Padgett/Pemberton competed for the ACA Collegiate Bass National Championship on Pickwick Lake, Florence, Ala. They weighed in 42.47 pounds in two days. There



Avery Padgett and Kasen Pemberton fished for Troy University in the ACA Collegiate Bass National Championship. They finished in fourth place at this event. Padgett is from Elba, Ala., and Pemberton is from Chipley, Fla. They had a successful freshman year at Troy.

were 210 boats in the tournament, and they finished fourth place. They did not bring home the trophy but what a great finish for these freshmen anglers.

In early February, Padgett and Pemberton fished the first BASSMASTER Open on Clark's Hill Lake located on the Georgia/South Carolina line. This was a new and awesome experience for these two freshmen. They did not finish first place, but their finish

punched their ticket to fish their first BASSMASTER National Collegiate Championship.

Across the USA over 1,100 college teams fished BASSMASTER Opens, and only 168 teams made the cut for the NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP. This was quite an achievement for these two Troy University freshmen to be among those 168 teams. They fished this

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**WISECUP CROWNED ELBA'S HOMECOMING QUEEN...**During the Coronation ceremony held Friday morning, Sept. 13, from the gymnasium of Elba High School, senior Aubrey Wisecup named Homecoming Queen. She is shown above being crowned by Elba High School principal Dr. Warren Weeks. Wisecup and her Court reigned over all Homecoming festivities last Friday in Elba. (photo by BCSports Photography)

## Alabama Center for Health Statistics announces location change for vital record issuance, per ADPH officials

Effective October 1, 2024, the Alabama Department of Public Health, Center for Health Statistics, will no longer accept in-person requests for regular certified copies of Alabama vital records at the RSA Tower location in Montgomery.

Walk-in requests for regular certified copies of birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates will

continue to be accepted at the Montgomery County Health Department, 3060 Mobile Highway.

Customers can obtain copies of most vital records that occurred in Alabama from any county health department in Alabama, usually in 30 minutes or less. Vital records may also be requested online or through the mail.

In-person requests to change, correct or register Alabama birth and death certificates will still be accepted at the RSA Tower location by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Customers must contact their assigned staff representative or the Special Services Division at (334) 206-2637 to schedule an appointment.

More information on requesting Alabama vital records can be found at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/vitalrecords/index.html>. The customer service number for vital records information is (334) 206-5418.

## General Election Reminder:

Secretary of State Wes Allen wants to remind Alabama voters that county absentee election managers must receive mail-in absentee ballot applications by Tuesday, October 29, 2024. The deadline to return an absentee ballot application in person is Thursday, October 31, 2024.

Absentee ballots being returned in-person must be received by the county absentee election manager by close of business on the day before the election- November 4, 2024. Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received no later than noon on Election Day- November 5, 2024.

"Absentee voting is a vital component of the election process. That is why I advocated for legislation like SB1, which provides Alabama voters with strong protection against activists who profit from the absentee elections process," said Secretary Allen.

The United States Postal Service has recently announced a change in mail delivery times: <https://www.usps.com/news/2024/08/post-office-makes-major-announcement-about-mail-delivery-change.html>. It is recommended to mail in your absentee ballot application and absentee ballots at least two weeks before the deadline for county Absentee Election Managers to receive them.

Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification before voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot.

For more information on absentee voting in Alabama or to request an absentee ballot application visit [www.AlabamaVotes.gov](http://www.AlabamaVotes.gov).

## NOTICE:

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 6 p.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens Center. There will be a special guest speaker attending. All members are asked to attend.

Enterprise Aglow Community Light-house will meet Saturday, Sept. 21, at 10 10 a.m. at 217 South Main Street in Enterprise, Ala.

The guest speaker will be Jacqueline Battle from Montgomery, Ala. Come and invite others.

For more information, call 334-406-9683.



## EDITORIAL



The Elba High School Class of 1994 held its 30-Year Reunion last weekend during Elba's Homecoming. Class members gathered for a Tea hosted by Elba City Schools on Friday afternoon, Sept. 13, rode a float in the Homecoming Parade, sat together at the Elba vs. Kinston Football game, and then gathered Saturday evening, Sept. 14, at The Rabbit Hole in downtown Elba. Those present Saturday night included (front, l to r): Dana Stinson Haley, Jennifer Adams Stinson, Robyn Rhoades Wilborn, Linda Hodge, Jennifer Hollinghead Jackson, Gina Bedsole Smith, Leslie Creel Grantham, Indya Lawless, LaShawn Russell, Katonya Peterson, DeeDee Siler Ordon, Novella Robinson; and (back, l to r) Jason Farris, Ashley Weeks, Heath Wyrosdick, Michael Grantham, Keith Grantham, Josh Caldwell, Cory Driggers, Victor Machicote, Ben Fleming, Jason Holley, and Keith Martin.

## ADPH advises caution to protect against mosquito bites

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) advises caution to protect against mosquito bites after heavy rainfall and storm events.

For most of the state, mosquitoes are more abundant from late spring to early fall and can transmit viruses such as West Nile virus (WNV) and Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV) that can infect people. Large amounts of rainfall from a tropical

storm system may create an environment for mosquito populations to flourish, posing a risk to those working outdoors after the storm or simply enjoying outdoor activities.

To date, ADPH reports thirteen human cases of WNV. The best defense against these diseases is to prevent mosquito bites by:

- Using insect repellents
- Wearing long sleeves and long pants when possible.

- Wearing loose-fitting, light-colored clothes.
- Treating clothing with repellents.

- Using air conditioning or screens on windows and doors.

Flooding caused by hurricanes, tropical storm systems, and heavy rainstorms can be severe. In the weeks after flooding, nuisance or floodwater mosquito populations are expected to increase. Therefore, residents can take steps to help control the mosquito population after a storm or flood. Mosquitoes tend to lay

eggs near standing water. Do this once a week. Empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out any items that hold water. These include tires, buckets, planters, toys, pools, birdbaths, or trash containers. Tightly cover buckets, cisterns, and rain barrels. Visit the ADPH mosquito-borne diseases webpage: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/mosquito/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/mosquitoes/prevention/> to learn how to help prevent mosquito bites.



DeeDee Ordon and Indya Lawless, members of the Class of 1994, enjoyed cheering with Elba Alumni Cheerleaders last Friday night at Homecoming

## Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

The Pea River Bridge on Davis Street in downtown Elba is open again! This is good news, especially for the downtown businesses. We know it was tough [and aggravating] to have the road closed at the bridge while officials figured out how to fix the problem that led to the closure, but we thank the city folks for finding the assistance they needed to get it repaired and reopened!

We also wanted to say thanks to the city for cleaning up the Ringsdorff monument. Last week in this column we noted a need to do a little sprucing up at that monument, and the city workers had it done before the paper even printed! Job well done!!

The Elba Board of Education held interviews Monday of this week for the superintendent's position at Elba City Schools. We sat in on the interviews so we could hear what each candidate had to say as the board members asked questions. It was apparent, to us, immediately that two of the four candidates would not be a good fit for the school system while the other two each interviewed well. Following the meeting, after being asked, we gave the above as our take on the day to the board members. We then added, "but you are the ones that must make a decision...good luck."

We realize we have been 'tough' on the board at times during this process, but that is because Elba City Schools is important to us! We want things done properly, and we want decisions made that benefit the schools and our students - they are our future and deserve the best we can offer them! Decisions that affect our children should be made with much thought and consideration for what is best for the school system.

It was said during the interviews that a school system is the heartbeat of a small community like Elba. If the school thrives, the community thrives. If the school fails, the community fails. We tend to agree. We should all work together, never against one another, to be sure the school succeeds and thrives! It is the heartbeat of the community, and our children are our future. We can never stress that enough!! It is and should be about them with each and every decision made for the school...and that goes for any school system, not just Elba.

Elba celebrated Homecoming last weekend, and we were part of the 30-Year Reunion class, which has always been the school's 'honored' class for Homecoming. The weekend was great! The high school sponsored a tea for the honored class on Friday afternoon before the homecoming parade. This was nicely done, and all the members of the Class of 1994 extend a huge thanks to Elba City Schools for the special treatment for the tea and parade in honor of our 30-Year High School Reunion!

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Members of the Elba High School Class of 1957 enjoyed a time of reminiscing, fellowship, and enjoyed a delicious meal Thursday, Sept. 12, at Ms. Linda's restaurant in Elba. Those in attendance included Cabert Mills, Ralph Cooper, Ella Daniels, Christine Bowden, Patsy Goodson, Tom Pugh, Jerrotha Pugh, Howard Prescott, and Marise Prescott.

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**Scripture:** Psalm 102: 1-28  
[a prayer of the afflicted]

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Marcus Fitch, Dee'Nard Brooks and wife, Ariel Hutchinson, Robyn Patterson, Nobie Rayborn, Beatrice Belcher, RHMB family, SMBC family, Lydia M. Kelley

### September / October Birthdays

Richard (Squeak) Cooks 9/22  
Charlotte Whitehurst 9/23  
Cynthia J. Rayborn 9/23  
Tiffany Henderson 9/24  
Betty F. Belcher 9/30  
Tamera Burks 9/30  
Brenda Ellison Carter 10/1  
Lynsey F. Manning 10/2  
Isaiah T. Kelley 10/3  
Samella T. Edwards 10/3

**\*\* 12th Annual Session of the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Women Convention** will convene Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Education Building [Hwy 84 West] in Elba. President: Sis. Gladys Yelverton; Moderator: Rev. W.L. Peterson

### In Memory of...

How should we remember a significant person in our lives? The friends of "Wild Bill" Cottom found a way that they thought was perfectly appropriate. Wild Bill was an inveterate motorcyclist; he started riding when he was twelve years old. At various times in his life he was a racer, mechanic, and dealer, but almost always a friend to anyone on two wheels. A stroke at the age of 70 ended Wild Bill's riding days. He spent the next 16 years working in his shop, where he bought and sold used motorcycles, specializing in antique and British machines. When Wild Bill died at the age of 86, his body was cremated, and his ashes were placed in the gas tank of an antique Vincent motorcycle. On the day this unusual urn was placed on the wall of Cottom's shop, some 1,500 motorcyclists whom he had befriended at one time or another came to pay their respects.

When God asked Israel to honor Him and respect the memory of how He had befriended them, He gave more specific instructions: they were to serve Him only, refrain from worshipping representations of any creatures He had made, use His name reverently, and reserve one day a week for rest as a symbol of their identification with their Creator. Not too much to ask of Israel if they really loved God, was it?

We who are God's new creation in Christ can show our respect for God in much the same way. Not too much to ask of us either, is it? — C.R.B.

**Question / Answer Section**  
Q/A for the Week of 9/19/24

## What does the Bible say about... Faith?

Article written by Douglas Williams



Ephesians 2:8-9 says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; not works, lest any man should boast."

These verses show that salvation involves the wonderful grace of God. These verses also teach that faith is involved in our salvation!

Hebrews 11:6 teaches the absolute necessity of faith where we read, "But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

2 Corinthians 5:9 - "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

Romans 10:17 - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

James writes, "Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone...ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only...For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:17, 24, 26).

These are only a few of

the many times the Bible talks about faith. Faith is used in the sense of an individual's belief; and also when the word faith is proceeded by a definite article it refers to the word of God, the gospel, the system of faith (1 Corinthians 16:13; Ephesians 4:13; and Jude 3).

The Bible defines our belief in God and the teachings of the Bible; a system of religious beliefs. It includes trust, loyalty, fidelity, allegiance, and conviction.

As the preceding verses show a person is not saved by faith alone, but by an obedient faith. Hebrews chapter 11 tells of many Bible people that were saved by faith when they put their faith in practice by doing what God said.

The Bible teaches that one is saved by faith, repentance, confession, baptism, and by living a faithful Christian life (John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32; 1 Peter 3:21; Revelation 2:10).

Romans 10:17 shows us that faith comes from our study and learning the word of God, and our prayer should always be "Lord, increase our faith" (Luke 17:5).

## Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

### VERNON EUGENE McCARTER

Mr. Vernon Eugene McCarter, age 59, of Elba, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024.

Funeral services were held

Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2024, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in the New Haven Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was held Wednesday, Sept. 18, at Hayes Funeral Home from 1-2 p.m. Survivors include his sons: Eric McCarter, Bir-

mingham, Ala., Geoffrey McCarter, Troy, Ala.; granddaughter: Khanya McCarter; mother: Carol Dawkins, Elba; stepfather: Gerald Dawkins, Elba; sisters: Janet Givens, Elba, Melissa (Phillip) Herring, Enterprise, Ala.; and brother: Darren (Leah) Dawkins, Dothan, Ala.

### LEE JOHNSON

Mrs. Lee Johnson, age 72, of Brantley, Ala., died Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at her residence. Funeral arrangements will be announced upon completion by Hayes Funeral Home of Elba.

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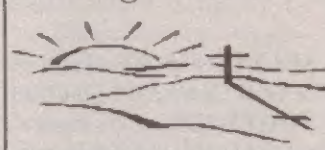
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Those who are bereaved in the aftermath of a suicide need love and encouragement as much as anyone else does - but how do you offer this support for someone dealing with so harrowing a loss?

To a large extent, you offer your support to these mourners the same way you would any other. Be there for them. Listen to them as they unload their emotional burdens, or simply offer them companionship when they feel like they need it. Offer to help with daily tasks and chores that may be hard to deal with in the wake of a loss.

Also remember that there are innumerable reasons for suicide, and you will probably never know the real reason why the person in question chose this path. As such, it is imperative to avoid anything that might sound like a judgment or a diagnosis. Accept that there are questions that will never be fully resolved.

More than anything, just offer yourself to those in mourning; allow them to lean on you as needed, even if that means venting or musing aloud about their loss. You don't need to provide them with answers; what they need more than anything is your love and friendship.

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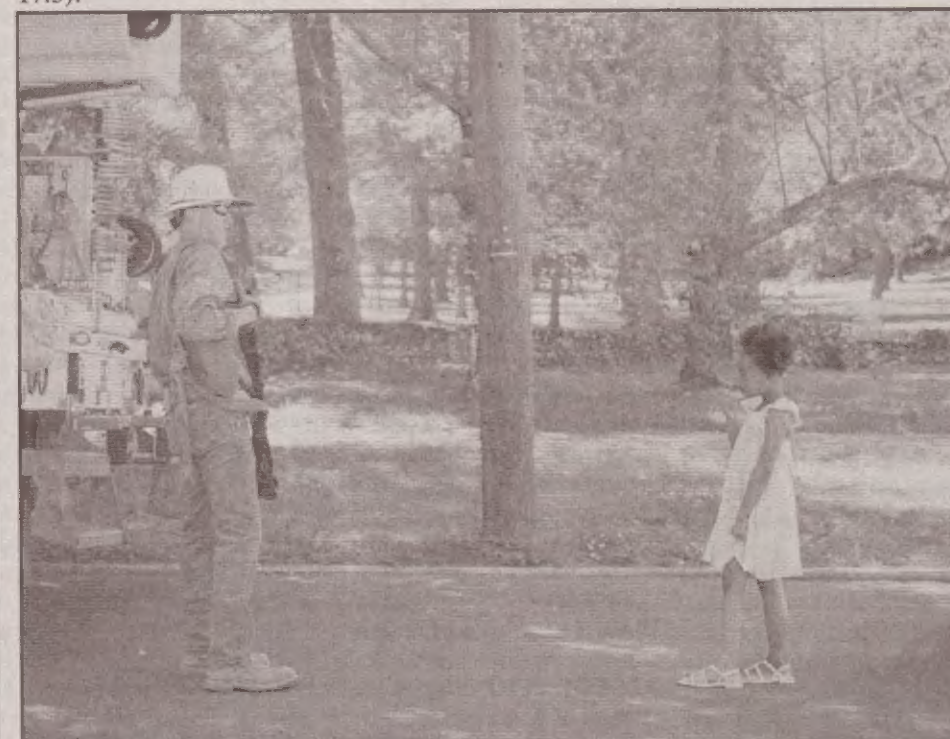
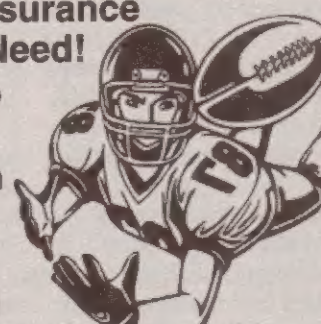
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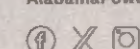


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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**ADDITIONS TO KINSTON SCHOOL FOR THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION ELBA, ALABAMA**  
**MCKEE PROJECT NO: 23-370**

Sealed proposals for this project shall be received by Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Ph: 334-897-5016, until 2:00 PM Central Time, Tuesday, October 1, 2024, then opened and read aloud. A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 @ 10:00 AM Central Time at the school. All General Contractors bidding on these projects shall be required to visit the site and examine all existing conditions prior to submitting their proposal. All Bidders shall have general liability and workman's compensation insurance.

The projects shall be bid excluding taxes. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the Architect or copies thereof. No bid may be withdrawn after scheduled closing for receipt of bids for a period of ninety (90) days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive technical errors if, in the Owners judgment, the best interests of the Owner will thereby be promoted.

A certified check or Bid Bond payable to the Coffee County Schools in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid, but in no event more than \$10,000.00 must accompany the bidder's proposal. Performance and statutory labor and material payment bonds will be required at the signing of the Contract.

All bidders bidding in amounts exceeding that established by the State Licensing Board for General Contractors must be licensed under the provisions of Title 34, Chapter 8, Code of Alabama, 1975 and must show evidence of license before bidding or bid will not be received or considered by the Architect. All bidders shall show such evidence by clearly displaying their current license number on the outside of the sealed envelope in which the proposal is delivered.

PDFs of the project can be reviewed by going to the McKee website at www.mckeeassoc.com and selecting "Project Bid List". Also, if you are not receiving NOTIFICATIONS from us, please register on our website, "Project Bid List" by selecting manage your bid list profile. The documents may be viewed on-line and printed by General Contractors, SubContractors and Suppliers. Documents published through this procedure are the only documents endorsed by the Architect. The Architect is unable to monitor, confirm and maintain other websites that provide documents. Addendums will be provided to entities that have CONFIRMED bidding for this particular project. The Architect retains ownership and copyrights of the documents. If bidders require printed sets, please submit request to the Architect at mckeeplans@gmail.com. Include your first &amp; last name, company name, address, phone number and the project name and number. Print sets are to be returned, in reusable condition, within ten days after bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regarding the bid documents shall be sent and addressed through emails found on the

RFI and RFA forms in the project manual. NOTE: ONLY THE RFI AND RFA FORMS IN THE PROJECT MANUAL WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Architect will not accept inquiries via telephone or fax.

**Completion Time:** See scope of work in Project Manual.**Supervision:** Contractor to ensure proper supervision of all work.**Owner:** Mrs. Kelly Cobb, Superintendent, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road Elba, AL 36323, Phone: 334-897-5016**Architect:** McKee and Associates Architects, Inc., 631 South Hull Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Phone: 334-834-9933

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Coffee County Commission hereby provides notice of a public comment period and hearing related to the 2024 Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). This plan includes landfill management, waste collection, recycling, composting, dump abatement, and other waste management strategies in accordance with Alabama Code 22-27-47. The public comment period will be held from September 13, 2024, through October 28, 2024. During this time, residents are encouraged to review the SWMP and provide written comments. The draft plan is available for review at:

**Coffee County Environmental Services**  
1139 E McKinnon Street  
New Brockton, Alabama 36351or online at: <https://www.coffeecounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/1049/Solid-Waste-Management-Plan-2024>  
A \$40 charge will apply for printed copies of the plan. Written comments must be received no later than October 28, 2024.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 9:00 AM at:

**Coffee County Commission Chambers**  
1065 E McKinnon Street  
New Brockton, Alabama 36351

This hearing will allow for public feedback on the plan. All comments will be reviewed and considered before finalizing the plan. For additional information or copies of the plan, please contact:

Emily Smith  
(334) 406-0512  
emily.smith@coffeecounty.us  
9/19-chg.

## NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness described in and secured by the terms of that certain Mortgage executed by JAMES CAMPBELL, a married man, and Kimberly V. Campbell, a married person, to ALL IN CREDIT UNION, a federal credit union, dated June 26, 2022, and recorded on July 26, 2022, in Official Records Book 1164, at Page 51, in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama; and said default continuing; and the undersigned holder of said mortgage having declared the entire indebtedness due and payable in accordance with the terms and conditions of said mortgage, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, ALL IN CREDIT UNION, will, under the terms of said mortgage, sell at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder in front of the Courthouse door of Geneva County, Alabama, in Geneva, Geneva County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, the

following described property:

A Parcel of land lying in and being a part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 1 North, Range 22 East, Geneva County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a 4"x4" concrete monument marking the Southeast corner of the NW 1/4, of the SW 1/4 of Section 32; Thence S86°39'42"W, a distance of 243.63 feet to a Capped Rebar #27401; Thence S82°42'40"W a distance of 23.77 feet, to a 6"x6" concrete monument; Thence N89°59'07"W, a distance of 186.05 feet to a 6"x6" concrete monument; Thence N89°06'57"W a distance of 400.03 feet to a 1" pipe, and the East Right of Way Line of Geneva County Road 33 (100' Right of Way); Thence along said Right of Way Line N12°37'54"W, a distance of 421.48 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231; Thence departing said Right of Way Line N77°05'23"E, a distance of 209.90 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231; Thence N12°51'29"W, a distance of 209.94 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231; Thence S77°06'17"W, a distance of 210.18 feet to a Capped Rebar #9231, and the Aforementioned East Right of Way Line; Thence along said Right of Way Line N12°56'04"W, a distance of 259.88 feet to a Capped Rebar #27725; Thence departing said Right of Way Line N89°59'56"E, a distance of 1050.16 feet to a Capped Rebar #27725 and the East Line of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; Thence along said East Line S00°00'04"E, a distance of 858.27 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Said Parcel contains 18.00 acres More or Less.

This property will be sold on an as is, where is basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. *Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.* This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact H. Samuel Prim, III at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.ALL IN CREDIT UNION:  
BY: H. Samuel Prim, III  
Prim & Mendheim, LLC  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
103 Jamestown Boulevard  
Dothan, Alabama 36302  
(334) 671-9555  
(File No.: 24-792)  
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### Brockton Masons hold special ceremony at Lodge #694 in New Brockton, Ala.

The Brockton Masonic Lodge #694 held an Entered Apprentice Degree ceremony Friday, Sept. 6, during a Special Called meeting at the Lodge. Barbecue, rice, slaw, and baked beans were served to all in attendance. Several Elba Masonic Lodge members were present to help out. Food, fellowship, and work was enjoyed by all.

Pictured (to the right) front, 1 to r - Joe Kather, Hal Lee, Joe Watson, D/L Billy Wilkerson, Jessie Dewayne Hilton, W/M Mike Marler, Eric Bradshaw, Kenneth Dawkins, and Jerome Blackmon; middle, 1 to r - Brian Smith, B. J. Caldwell, Robbie Wehunt, Tim Marler, Pete Marlow, James Beasley, Wendell Black, Freddy Turner, and Charlie Hilb; back, 1 to r - PGM Tommy Morrow, Jack Caradine, Coley Andress, and Steve Dewberry. Not Pictured: Keith Wilson and Harry Young.

### Local senior center welcomes participants

New Hope Senior Citizens Center welcomes new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more information, contact Conzuella Banks, center manager.



## LEGAL NOTICES (con't from Page 4)

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

#### PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY CASE NO 24-805

#### ESTATE OF REBECCA FAY KETCHUM Deceased

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Terry Holley, Personal Representative, on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Terry Holley  
Personal Representative  
9/5,12&19-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA Case No.: 2024-792

#### IN RE: THE ESTATE of SHIRLEY RILEY WOODHAM, Deceased.

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Shirley Riley Woodham, deceased, have been granted to Wesley Earl Woodham, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Wesley Earl Woodham  
Wesley Earl Woodham  
Petitioner

Unity Law, LLC  
Preston Register, Attorney  
256 Honeysuckle Rd., Suite 15  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
(334) 678-0100  
9/5,12&19-chg.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALBAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO.: PC-2024-035

#### IN RE: THE MATTER OF RANDOLPH CALDWELL, Respondent.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING To: TUNISHA THIGPEN, LORRAINE DIAZ, and other children of Randolph Caldwell

You are hereby given notice that a Petition for Letters of Guardianship has been filed by Eloisa Regidor. The 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. has been appointed the day for the hearing of the same at the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba Division, Alabama, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you see proper.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
9/5,12&19-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

#### IN THE MATTER OF: The Petition For Adoption By: PATRICIA DAWSON

#### To Adopt: J.T.K. CASE NO. PRA-2024-004

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR ADOPTION TO: SCHIRON WASHINGTON

Notice is hereby given Hon. D. Bruce McLean on behalf of the Petitioner, PATRICIA DAWSON, has filed a Petition for Adoption in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Enterprise Division, Alabama, in regards to J.T.K., date of birth: 12/13/2005. If you should have any reason why this Petition for Adoption should not be granted in this matter, you are required to contact Hon. D. Bruce McLean, Esq., within thirty (30) days if you intend to contest said adoption. DONE this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
9/12,19,26&10/3-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

#### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Maxwell Neal Brown, Jr., Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2024-157

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of Maxwell Neal Brown, Jr., deceased, having been granted to Amelia H. Brown, Personal Representative, on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge, Coffee County, Alabama  
Richard W. Whittaker, Attorney  
300 E. Lee Street  
Enterprise, AL 36330  
(334) 393-5146  
9/12,19&26-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

#### IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUANITA WOODY, DECEASED DOCKET NO: PR-2024-126

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Murray Kelley, Personal Representative, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama,

notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Murray Kelley  
Personal Representative

Benjamin S. Armstrong  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
200 Grove Park, Suite 670  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
9/12,19&26-pd.

Notice is hereby given that Central Plant Technology, Inc. 11204 South State Hwy 605 Slocomb, AL 36375 has completed all work on the Water Main Replacement Project for the Water Works & Sewer Board of The Town of New Brockton. This notice will appear for three consecutive weeks beginning Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, and ending Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024. All claims in connection with this project should be filed during this period with the Engineer, DHA Engineering, LLC, 2323 W. Main Street, Suite 227B Dothan, AL 36301.

9/12,19&26-chg.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC 2024-041

#### IN THE MATTER OF DONNIE WAYNE QUALLS, Deceased.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Rowe Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ Douglas Blake Qualls  
Personal Representative  
9/12,19&26-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC 2024-042

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRUCE EUGENE DURGA, Deceased.

#### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATE

To: Elizabeth Lou Durga whereabouts unknown  
Tammy Sue Durga whereabouts unknown

Please take notice that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 a Petition for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Bruce Eugene Durga, Deceased, was filed in the aforesaid Probate Court by Lynnice Durga, as Petitioner, to be named as administrator of said estate; and that the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2024, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. has been appointed as the day for

hearing said petition, at which time you may appear and contest same, if you deem it proper to do so. GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Court this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
9/12,19&26-pd.

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO: DR-2024-000169.00

#### LAUREN FREEMAN, PLAINTIFF

#### VS. RICHARD WAYNE LEGER, JR. DEFENDANT.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To: Richard Wayne Leger, Jr., Whose Whereabouts Are Unknown

You are notified that a Divorce Complaint has been filed in the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Alabama against you and you must answer the same within (30) days of the last publication, which will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2024, or thereafter a default may be rendered against you.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ Lauren Freeman,  
Plaintiff  
9/12,19,26&10/3-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. 24-773

#### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM LEX LAWRENCE, DECEASED

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Brenda Hamamura, Personal Representative, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of Probate, Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Brenda Hamamura,  
Personal Representative  
Benjamin S. Armstrong,  
Attorney for Personal Representative  
200 Grove Park Lane, Suite 670  
Dothan, Alabama 36305  
9/19,26&10/-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

#### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF HENRY D. WILLIAMSON, DECEASED CASE NO.: 24-809

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Mark Williamson, as Executor of the Estate of Henry D. Williamson, who departed from this life on the 23<sup>rd</sup>

day of July, 2024, by honorable Toby L. Seay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or same will be barred.

Mark Williamson  
Executor of the Estate  
of Henry D. Williamson,  
deceased

Attorney for the Estate:  
David W. Rousseau, Esq.  
Rousseau Law Firm  
Post Office Box 10  
801 W. Main Suite 4  
Hartford, AL 36344  
(334) 588-3333  
(334) 588-0046 (fax)  
Attorney for Petitioner/  
Executor  
9/19,26&10/3-pd

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CASE NO. PR-2024-160

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MICHAEL WALTER POHL, DECEASED.

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of the said Deceased having been granted to Kevin Pohl, Personal Representative, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Cameron A. Metcalf  
Cameron A. Metcalf,  
Attorney for Kevin Pohl,  
Personal Representative  
9/19,26&10/3-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

#### CASE NO.: PR-2024-163

#### In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH A. DECURTIS, deceased.

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joseph A. DeCurtis having been granted to Daniel Louis DeCurtis and Christine DeCurtis Lilly, Personal Representatives, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson,  
Probate Judge  
9/19,26&10/3-pd.

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

#### CASE NO. PR-2024-100

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANNIE JEAN GIBSON, DECEASED.

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Eura Gibson as Personal Representative for the Annie Jean Gibson Estate on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
9/19,26&10/3-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

#### In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN FARISON JOHNSTON, Deceased. Case No.: PR-2024-159

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Helen Farison Johnston having been granted to Mark Allan Johnston, Personal Representative, on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson,  
Probate Judge  
9/19,26,&10/3-pd.

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

#### IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RENA BASS MARSON, DECEASED CASE NUMBER: PR-2023-100

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS TO BE PUBLISHED BY ADMINISTRATOR

In the Matter of the Estate of Rena Bass Marson, Deceased, Letters of Administration having been granted to Fanetia T. Love on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within six months after the grant of letters, or within five months from the date of the first publication of this notice, whichever is the later to occur, or the same will be barred.

Witness my hand this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

By: Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
Coffee County, Alabama  
9/19,26&10/3pd.



## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our grandson Lawson comes over** at least one afternoon a week to visit and it has now become a must that we cook him a pizza to enjoy while he and his Nanny go over his lessons. Years ago he was hooked on biscuits, then pop tarts and later on ham sandwiches. However, now nothing will do expect a cheese pizza. Hey, a growing boy needs fuel to keep going, even if it's not all that healthy.

**For what it is worth....**

\*\*\* **The Elba Tigers bounced back** from last week's disappointing loss to McKenzie to earn their first region win of the season with a lopsided 68-28 homecoming romp over Kinston. The Tigers rolled up over 600 yards in total offense, including 585 yards on the ground, in the win over their cross-county rivals, and scored on 10 of their 11 offensive possessions to light up the scoreboard once again. One stat that many don't realize is that six different runners carried the ball and three different receivers caught passes, making it more of a team concept on offense than just watching Alvin Henderson and Cayden Adkins run up and down the field. The Tigers' "dynamic duo" did combine for 508 total yards and nine touchdowns as they continued their amazing season, but it was good to see the ball spread around a bit in an attempt to keep defenses honest. The defense did allow some yardage at times, especially through the air, but regained a sense of dominance at the line of scrimmage and came up with two turnovers, including its first pass interception of the season. It was a win the Tigers badly needed, and hopefully one that will make the team feel good about itself and its potential with six games left on the schedule.

\*\*\* **It was yet another so-so week for area teams** as the four teams in the coverage area split their four games. \* Kinston rolled up almost 300 yards in total offense, scored four touchdowns and completed 14 of 28 passes in its loss to Elba, and while the Bulldogs came to Elba hunting a win and fell short, there were many positives for the 'Dogs to feel good about with six games left on the schedule. \* Brantley got off to a sluggish start thanks to penalty flags, but once the Bulldogs got going there was no looking back as they spanked Red Level to remain undefeated on the season and showed once again they are back and looking to claim a region title after a year they have already erased from their memories. \* New Brockton was frustrated after watching two straight possible wins slip away, and took those frustrations out on Daleville as it pounded the Warhawks in a big 32-point win on the road that evened its region record and pumped new life into the Gamecocks. \* Zion Chapel discovered just how far away from the top of the region ladder it was in a lopsided road loss to highly-touted Highland Home, but will no doubt use the loss as a lesson and show back up at class this week looking to use what it learned to make it a better team with lots of football left to play.

\*\*\* **It was another exciting week** of high school football action all across the state and it looks like things are beginning to settle down a bit with the top two teams in all seven classifications except two posting wins. In **Class 1A**, top-ranked Wadley dumped Donoho 58-6 and number two Leroy soured Sweet Water 27-20, while closer to home Georgiana manhandled McKenzie 48-24 to stay atop the region standings and Florala popped Pleasant Home 48-0. In **Class 2A**, top-ranked Pisgah pummeled Pleasant Valley 52-6 and Highland Home zapped Zion Chapel 63-0, while closer to home Cottonwood remained unbeaten with a 47-7 win over Houston County, Goshen clobbered Calhoun 40-8, Arton outscored Abbeville 38-22, G.W. Long held off high-scoring Geneva County 52-50 and Luverne got its first win with a hard fought 22-14 victory over Pike Lib. In **Class 3A**, top-ranked T.R. Miller flattened Flomaton 56-7 and number two Gordo was whipped by Winfield 27-7, while closer to home Wicksburg surprised #10 Montgomery Academy 27-22, Houston Academy slapped Slocomb 49-0 and Northside Methodist was shut out by Prattville Christian 6-0. In **Class 4A**, top-ranked Jackson bumped Baker 20-13 and number two Pleasant Grove chopped Oak Grove 41-7, while closer to home Ashford gashed Geneva 44-7, Dale County stung Straughn 31-7 and undefeated Opp blanked Pike County 16-0. In **Class 5A**, top-ranked Guntersville slapped Sardis 64-0 and second-ranked Montgomery Catholic dropped Pensacola Catholic 28-14, while closer

to home Andalusia rallied from a 24-point deficit to rally past Greenville 26-24, Eufaula handled Headland 34-6 and Charles Henderson coasted past Carroll 29-8. In **Class 6A**, top-ranked Saraland spanked Spanish Fort 42-17 and number two Parker mauled Mortimer Jordan 46-0, while closer to home Pike Road rolled over Wetumpka 17-12 and Stanhope Elmore parked Park Crossing 31-12. In **Class 7A**, top-ranked Central Phenix City turned back Dothan 42-35 and number two Enterprise got rocked 53-22 by #4 Auburn, while closer to home Montgomery Carver dozed past Smiths Station 26-7 and Opelika jabbed JAG 52-6.

\*\*\* **It was an okay week for most** local college football fans as Alabama whipped Wisconsin 42-10, Auburn pulled way late to rip New Mexico 45-19 and Troy battled Big10 Iowa for all four quarters in a 38-21 road loss. The Crimson Tide simply had too much speed and too many athletes for the Badgers to handle in the latest SEC-Big 10 blowout, while up on the plains the Tigers dozed for much of the game before waking up just in time to avoid another embarrassing loss at home, and the Trojans kept it closer than expected against the Hawkeyes before falling to 0-3 for the first time in ages. Bama fan will get the weekend off this week to settle their nerves before an upcoming visit by top-ranked Georgia, Auburn will be at home for the fourth straight weekend when it hosts Arkansas and Troy will begin a three-game homestand with a visit from Florida A & M. Looks like a good week of wins ahead!

\*\*\* **Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator** was feeling a little better last weekend after Elba snapped its two-game losing streak and he hit on 21 of his 24 picks. The local guesspert did suggest that all the area coaches find a new weatherman that can keep the rain away, and before leaving left this week's fearless forecast. Here goes....

**ELBA VS. BRANTLEY**

The Pea River felines will head up across the creek this weekend for a showdown with a pack of dogs that have been paying folks back after last year's struggles. The felines will have to light up the scoreboard if they hope to find their way back home with a win, and something tells me that both teams will do just that. In a shootout, let's go with....

**ELBA 43 BRANTLEY 40****ZION CHAPEL VS. LUVERNE**

The troops from up at Fort Jack will be back home for a Thursday night special against a litter of kitties that appear to be growing claws after a slow start to the season. If the

troops can keep the kitties out of the endzone they may win a battle or two. However, the guess here is the troops run out of ammo, again.

**LUVERNE 24 ZION CHAPEL 16****NEW BROCKTON VS. DALE COUNTY**

The roosters could be heard crowing all weekend long after last weekend's big win, but the time has come for them to get focused back in and get ready for a Thursday night test against a tribe of warriors that refuse to surrender points without a fight. In an upset....

**NEW BROCKTON 27 DALE COUNTY 22****KINSTON VS. GEORGIANA**

The bulldogs from down near the county line have proven they can score points, no matter the opposition, but need to find a way to put up a fence around their own endzone as they are giving up points in bunches. If they are to win this week they better find a big fence.

**GEORGIANA 40 KINSTON 21****OTHER PICKS:**

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## Tigers brace for battle with Brantley

The Elba Tigers will hit the road for the first time in four weeks Friday night when they make the short ride to Brantley for a key region encounter with the undefeated Brantley Bulldogs.

The Tigers will bring a 2-2 record into the clash with wins over Luverne 50-22 and Kinston 68-28, and losses to Glenwood 48-22 and McKenzie 80-78, while the Bulldogs will bring a perfect 3-0 record into the game with wins over Luverne 40-24, Pleasant Home 39-0 and Red Level 48-14.

"This is a big game because it is against Brantley, but also because it is the next game on our schedule and because it is a region game," stated Elba's Coach Marc Sieving. "We take every game on the schedule as the most important game

of the season because a win helps us continue toward our goal."

"Brantley has a very good football team and is loaded with players that were there last year and went through some struggles due to injuries," added Sieving. "On offense it all starts with their quarterback (Parks), who can hurt you both passing and running. He is very accurate throwing the ball and when he comes out of the pocket he has great speed. He has a couple of quality receivers that make big plays, a running back that plays hard and packs a punch, and a line that gets after it on every play. They have really quality skill players that can make plays any time and are playing with a lot of confidence. Over on defense they have a bunch of guys that run to the ball and love to

hit someone. They aren't really that big, but they are physical, and love to play football."

"If we are going to get a big win on the road we will have to play solid in all areas and match their intensity," said Sieving. "On offense we will have to do what we do and establish the run, while at the same time mix it up a little and try to keep them honest up front. On defense we have to put some pressure on the quarterback, play well in the secondary and tackle well. It is obvious we have had some issues stopping the pass, and we all know Brantley likes to throw the ball. So, we have got to continue to improve in the secondary, tackle well in the flats and get some stops. I know everyone thinks it will be a high scoring game, but the winner will be the team that gets the

most stops, and we have got to get some stops."

When asked about last week's 68-28 region win over Kinston, Coach Sieving stated, "It was good to get a win, especially against a region opponent. Kinston has a good team that plays well and knows what it takes for it to be successful, and that was the case Friday night. I think we wore them down a little in the second half, got a couple of stops on defense and were finally able to get a lead. We were improved in some areas, but still have a lot of improving to do if we are going to be able to reach the goals we set before the season started. The win was nice for the players and our fans, but it was just the next lesson learned and hopefully we will use what we learned and get better as a team."

## Pair of Thursday night games on area schedule

**New Brockton (1-3)**

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking for its second straight region win when they host the Dale County Warriors. It will be the first ever meeting between the new region rivals.

The Gamecocks claimed their first win of the season last week with a big 53-21 region win over Daleville after losses to Pike Lib 35-6, Slocomb 40-34 and Opp 30-27, while the Warriors have posted wins over G.W. Long 34-14 and Straughn 31-7, with losses to Headland 19-10 and Ashford 14-6.

**Kinston (1-3)**

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to claim a big region win at home and pull off a major 1A upset when they host the Georgiana Panthers. Kinston owns a 5-9 record all-time in the series and last season dropped a 40-0 decision.

The Bulldogs will carry a 1-3 record into the game with a win over Red Level 38-0 and losses to Zion Chapel 27-20, Geneva County 72-62 and Elba 68-28, while the Panthers will bring a 3-1 record into the clash with wins over Arton 30-14, Florala 40-8 and McKenzie 48-24, with a loss to 5A Greenville 35-0.

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SPORTS NEWS



Elba Tiger Alvin Henderson (2) gets blocking help from his offensive lineman Emanuel Cooks (62) against Kinston defender Marcus Free (56) as Henderson heads down field. Henderson rushed for 354 yards and 7 touchdowns in the Tigers big 68-28 homecoming win over the Bulldogs.



Here Come the Tigers! The Elba Tigers enter the field last Friday night in front of a large Homecoming crowd to take on region foe Kinston at Elba's Tiger Stadium.

Late Elba explosion buries Bulldogs 68-28

By, Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Tigers snapped a two-game losing streak and claimed a key region win Friday night with a big 68-28 homecoming win over the Kinston Bulldogs.

Elba began its initial possession at the Kinston 27-yardline after a fumble recovery by Mateo Jiminez and three plays later was in the endzone after a 12-yard dash by Alvin Henderson. Trai Davis kicked the extra-point as the Tigers jumped on top 7-0 with 9:15 still left in the opening quarter.

Kinston answered the early Elba score on its next possession as the Bulldogs drove 65 yards in seven plays to get on the scoreboard. Jon Simmons completed four of six passes for 48 yards to lead the Bulldogs down the field, while the score came on a 17-yard run by Gabriel Hataway. A two-point pass missed its target, but with 6:43 left in the quarter Kinston had pulled within 7-6.

Elba quickly extended its lead on a 57-yard run by Henderson and a two-point run by Davis to go on top 15-6 with 6:13 remaining in the quarter, and the Tigers pushed their lead to 22-6 on their next possession as Alvin Henderson rushed for 61 yards on three carries and scored his third touchdown of the half on an 18-yard scamper, and Davis again added the extra-point.

Kinston put the ball in play at its own 30-yardline midway through the second quarter after a defensive stop and went 70 yards in 12 plays to cut the Elba lead to eight points. Jon Simmons completed six passes for 54 yards and connected with Colby Tew on a 20-yard touchdown toss, and it was Simmons that ran in the two-point conversion as the Bulldogs pulled within 22-14 with just 27-seconds left in the half.

Elba played 'beat the clock' on its final possession of the half and led by the running of Alvin Henderson raced down the field to get back into the endzone. Henderson carried the ball twice for 61 yards and scored his fourth td of the game on a 39-yard dash as the horn sounded, and when the teams went in at intermission Elba was on top 28-14.

Elba received the second half kickoff and covered 61 yards in two plays to again extend its lead. A 50-yard scamper by Cayden Adkins on first down set the Tigers up at the Kinston 11-yardline, and Henderson took over from there as he scored on an 11-yard run up the middle. Davis added the extra-point, and with just 46-seconds gone

off the clock in the third quarter the Tigers lead had grown to 35-14.

Kinston continued to move the ball on offense and on its ensuing possession went 61 yards in six plays to answer the Elba score. Colby Tew rushed for 33 yards on three carries to help lead the Bulldogs down the field, while the score came on a 13-yard pass from Jon Simmons to Gabriel Hataway. Tew ran in the two-point conversion as Kinston cut the Elba lead to 35-22 with 8:53 remaining in the quarter.

Elba again needed only two plays to find the endzone and regained command when Cayden Adkins bounced outside and raced 51 yards for a touchdown. Davis kicked the extra-point, as the Tigers lead grew to 42-22

with 8:06 remaining in the third quarter.

The Tigers regained possession at the Kinston 37-yardline when Easton McKelvy picked off a deflected pass, and after a penalty on first down Elba went 47 yards in five plays to stretch its lead. A 25-yard pass from Adkins to Reggie Gilbert was a key play in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 7-yard run by Adkins. The extra-point try failed, but with 4:10 still left in the quarter the Tigers owned a big 48-22 lead.

Kinston again refused to throw in the towel and on its ensuing possession went 59 yards in eight plays to score its final points of the night. Colby Tew and Gabriel Hataway combined for four carries and 33 yards rushing 'on

the scoring drive, with Hataway capping the drive with an 18-yard scoring run. A two-point pass failed to find its target, but with 41-seconds still left in a wild-third quarter Elba's lead stood at 48-28.

Elba's Alvin Henderson broke loose on a 55-yard touchdown dash on the Tigers ensuing series and Davis added the extra-point to push the lead to 55-28 with 11:49 left in the fourth quarter, and on the Tigers next possession, Henderson broke loose again and raced 57 yards for his seventh td of the game. Trai Davis booted the extra-point, and with 8:43 left on the clock Elba was in complete command with a 62-28 lead.

The Tigers began their final offensive series of the game at their own 45-yardline after a defensive stop and went 55 yards in six plays to score their final points of the night. Laquatos Edwards and Cassidy Carpenter combined for 46 yards rushing on six carries, while Powell Bane closed the scoring with a 6-yard run with 1:45 left on the clock as the Tigers claimed the 68-28 region win.

Alvin Henderson rushed for 354 yards and seven touchdowns on 16 carries to spark the Elba offensive attack, while Cayden Adkins rushed for 151 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries and completed 4 of 9 passes for 52 yard. Jacob Watkins and Cayden Adkins had 8 tackles, apiece, to lead the Elba defense, while Emmanuel Cooks had 5 stops.

Jon Simmons completed 14 of 24 passes, with one interception, for 142 yards and two touchdowns to spark the Bulldogs offense, while Gabriel Hataway pulled in three passes for 29 yards and one td, and rushed for 68 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries; and Colby Tew caught three passes for



Kinston senior running back Colby Tew (21) heads for the endzone last Friday night to score for the Bulldogs in the second quarter. Tew caught three passes for 36 yards and one td and rushed for 55 yards on 13 carries.

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Elba Tiger Cayden Adkins (10) runs through a big hole created by the line during last week's game against the Kinston Bulldogs. Adkins rushed for 151 yards and 2 td's in last week's 68-28 homecoming win.

36 yards and one td and lead the Bulldog defense, rushed for 55 yards on 13 while Easton Parker added carries. Judson Green had three solo stops and four 4 tackles and 4 assists to assists.

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## SPORTS NEWS

**Brantley remains unbeaten with 48-14 win over Tigers***From combined reports*

The Brantley Bulldogs continued their winning ways and improved to 2-0 in-region action last week with a 48-14 road win over the Red Level Tigers.

Jayden Parks completed 10 of 15 passes for 230 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs, while Andre Wright rushed for 160 yards, including a 69-yard touchdown run, on 10 carries, and Jatavis McMeans returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown.

Cooper Layton had two catches for 58 yards and two touchdowns, Daylan Davis pulled in a 43-yard td toss, and Michael Thompson had a 24-yard scoring catch.

The Brantley defense was led by Nathan Pruitt with 8 tackles, including five tackles for a loss, and one and one-half quarterback sacks; Jon Harper Kilcrease with four and one-half tackles, including one and one-half tackles for a loss; and Kevin Freeman with seven tackles.

**Schedules**Thursday, Sept. 19*(Volleyball)*

Elba at Florala (JV-V) 4:00

Goshen at Kinston (JR-JV-V) 4:00

Saturday, Sept. 21*(Volleyball)*

Providence Ch. Jr. Tournament

*(New Brockton)*Monday, Sept. 23*(Volleyball)*

Emmanuel Ch. At Kinston (JV-V) 4:00

Brantley at Luverne (JR-JV-V) 4:00

New Brockton at Geneva Co. (JV-V) 4:00

*(JV Football)*

Pike County at Elba (6:00)

Samson at Kinston (6:00)

Pike Lib at Zion Chapel (6:00)

Brantley at Luverne (6:00)

Opp at New Brockton (5:00 &amp; 6:30)

Tuesday, Sept. 24*(Volleyball)*

Samson at Elba (JV-V) 4:30

Kinston at Pleasant Home (JR-JV-V) 4:00

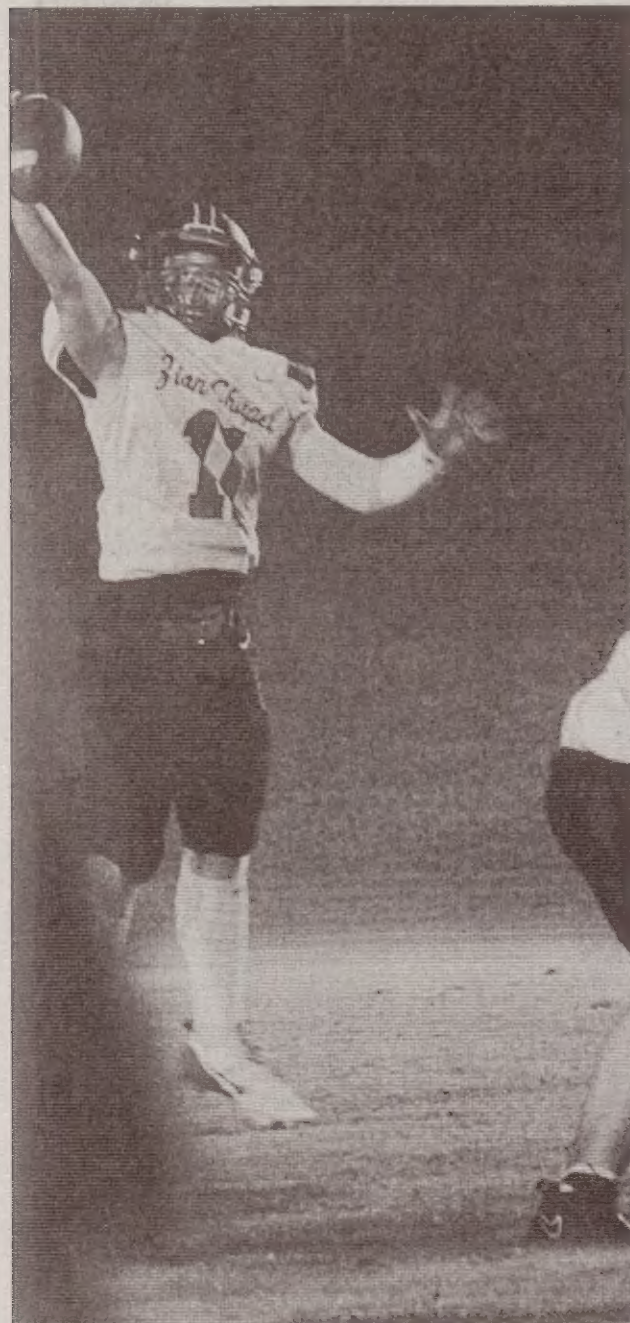
New Brockton at Opp (JR-JV-V) 4:00

**Rebels ambushed in Highland Home 63-0***From combined reports  
Photos by Amanda Clark*

The Zion Chapel Rebels marched into Highland Home Friday night looking to ground the highly-ranked Flying Squadron, but lost a number of early battles on an interception return for a touchdown, a punt returned for a touchdown and a blocked punt returned

for a touchdown and never recovered in a 63-0 region road loss.

The loss dropped the Rebels record to 2-2, 0-2 in region play, while Highland Home upped its record to 4-0, 2-0 in region play, and in the four wins the second-ranked Flying Squadron has outscored its victims by a combined score of 179-9.



Zion Chapel Rebel Zach English (11) reaches to pull in a high snap. The Rebels will be back at home Thursday night to battle Luverne.



SCOREBOARD TELLS THE STORY.... New Brockton Gamecocks and coaches gather to listen as head coach Jason Barnett talks after last week's big 53-21 region road win over Daleville. The win was the first for the Gamecocks as a member of Class 4A in the AHSAA.

**'Brockton dumps Daleville 53-21***Stats by Brandon White  
Courtesy photo*

The New Brockton Gamecocks scored the first two touchdowns of the game to take command early and the last three touchdowns of the game to pull away late Friday night in an impressive 53-21 region romp over the Daleville Warhawks, in Daleville.

New Brockton received the opening kickoff and in just over one minute was on the scoreboard on a 47-yard touchdown pass from Dawson Peacock to Anthony Silar. A two-point play was successful, and with 10:49 left in the first quarter the Gamecocks were already crowing with an early 8-0 lead.

The Gamecocks regained possession at their own 5-yardline on a Daleville punt and behind the running of Camrin Wolf and the passing of Peacock went the length of the field to up its lead to 14-0. Wolf rushed for 40 yards on six carries to

help lead the Gamecocks down the field, while the touchdown came with 2:37 left in the quarter on a 53-yard touchdown pass from Peacock to Baylon Foster.

Daleville cut the lead to 14-7 with 37-seconds remaining in the quarter on a 2-yard pass from Montez Hale to Caden Elmore and the extra-point by Alex Butcher, only to see New Brockton come right back and stretch its lead to 20-7 with 11:20 left in the second quarter on a 26-yard pass from Peacock to Silar.

Daleville's Ruben Garcia connected with Elmore on a 5-yard td toss with 5:44 remaining in the half as the Warhawks pulled within 20-14. However, the Gamecocks got back into the endzone late in the half on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Peacock to Josiah Lewis and carried a 26-14 lead in at intermission.

New Brockton scored on its initial possession of the second half on a 48-yard scoring strike from Peacock to Foster and upped its lead

to 33-14 with 7:38 left in the quarter after the extra-point by Cayden Avalos, but Daleville refused to quit on its homefield and scored on a 2-yard run by Javeon McLeod, and the extra-point by Butcher, to pull within 33-21 with 5:11 still remaining in the quarter.

The Gamecocks Dawson Peacock rushed for 23 yards on three carries and hooked up with Baylon Foster with a 28-yard touchdown toss to answer the Warhawks rally, and after Wolf ran in the two-point conversion, New Brockton was back in charge 41-21 with 2:39 left in the quarter.

Peacock continued to shred the Daleville secondary on the Gamecocks next possession, this time hooking up with Foster on a 71-yard td toss, to push the New Brockton lead to 47-21 with 9:07 left in the game, and 'Brockton added a final score with 1:47 remaining on a 7-yard run by Peacock to close the scoring with the

Gamecocks claiming the big 53-21 region road win.

Dawson Peacock completed 14 of 19 passes, with one interception, for 383 yards and six touchdowns, and rushed five times for 48 yards and one td to spark the offensive explosion, while Camrin Wilf rushed for 92 yards and one td on 16 carries and Blake Cox rushed six times for 59 yards. Baylon Foster led the Gamecock receivers with 8 catches for 233 yards and 3 touchdowns, while Anthony Silar had 4 catches for 127 yards and 2 td's, and Josiah Lewis had 2 catches for 27 yards and one td.

The New Brockton defense was led by Bryant Crumpler with 17 tackles, including 3 tackles for a loss; Gabriel Dean with 6 tackles and 2 interceptions; Kaiden Sims with 3 tackles, one sack and one tackle for a loss; Bradyn Crumpler with 3 tackles and one tackle for a loss; and Elijah Boykin with 3 tackles and one tackle for a loss.



Zion Chapel Rebel Brayden Benbow (6) heads to the sidelines for a break in last week's region road loss to Highland Home.



Not all the action was on the field last week at the Zion Chapel game as this little lady enjoyed her night out and the other fans.



Avery Padgett and Kasen Pemberton's finish at Clark's Hill qualified them to fish in their first BASSMASTER National Collegiate Championship for Troy University.

**BASS** (Continued from Page ONE)

tournament the third week in August at Lake Hartwell, Anderson, South Carolina.

No, they were not the champs, but they were ecstatic about representing Troy University, one of 52 colleges from across the USA participating in this tournament. What a way to finish their freshman year.

In summary, the Troy University Bass Fishing Team achieved its highest school of the year finish since 2016, their first Collegiate National Championship qualifier, an MLF National Championship qualifier, and a fourth-place finish in the Collegiate Bass National Championship. They did all of this with three teams and missing three major tournaments due to conflicts.

Excitement is in the air for the 2024-2025 season with their biggest freshman class ever incoming. They have their sights set higher than ever. The first tournament of the new season is at Kentucky Lake, Paris, Tennessee; the ACA Big Bass Bash, September 21-22.

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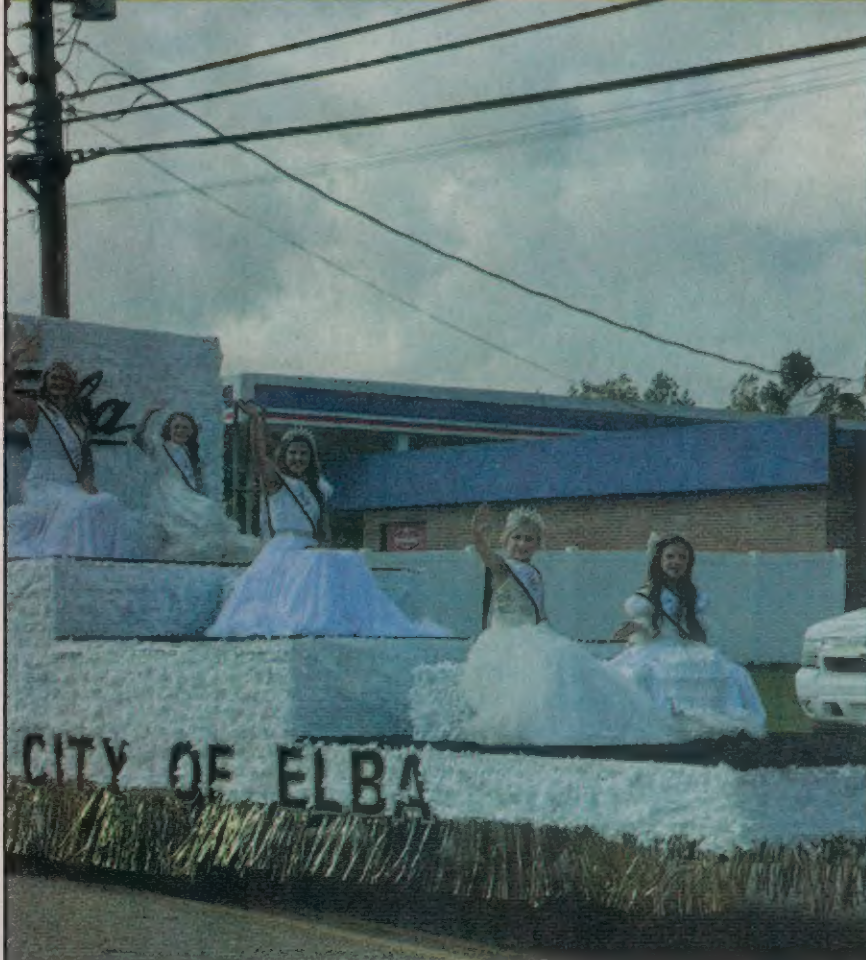
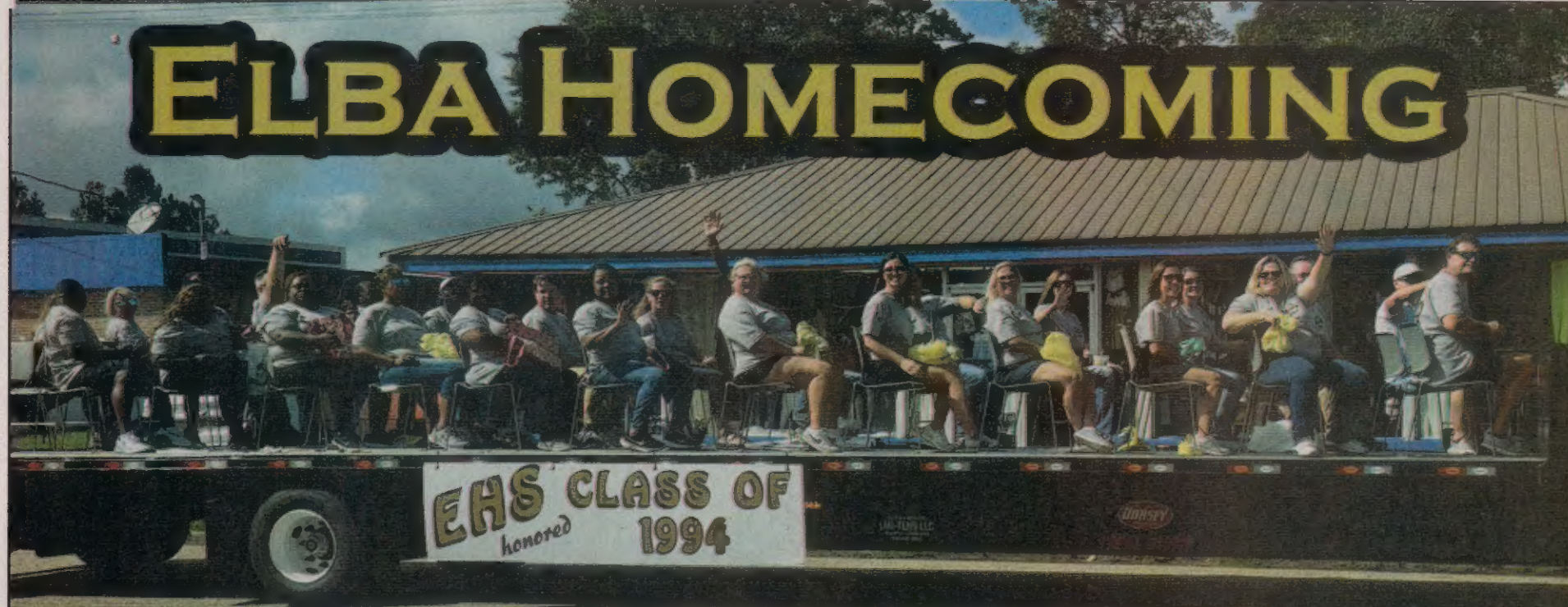
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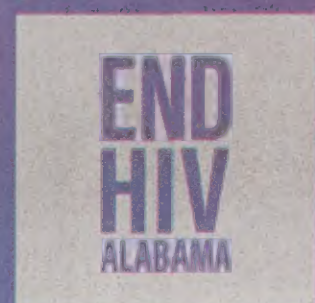
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